

Quiltations

February 2010

2009-2010 Schedule President's Message

MEETINGS:

(DOORS OPEN @ 6 AND THE

MEETING STARTS @ 7:30)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

AMI SIMMS

MONDAY, MARCH 15

CHERYL REZENDES

MONDAY, APRIL 12

WEN REDMOND

MONDAY, MAY 17

JESSICA LEGER

WORKSHOPS:

FEB. 20 AND FEB. 21

STRING QUILTING

WITH AMI SIMMS

MARCH 13

CREATING WEARABLE

ART THROUGH YOUR

ARTISTIC INTUITION

WITH CHERYL REZENDES

APRIL 10 AND APRIL 11

THREE PETITE COLLAGE

INSPIRED ART PIECES

WITH WEN REDMOND

QUILT SHOW:

JUNE 4-6, 2010

ALL EVENTS ARE HELD AT
THE ARSENAL CENTER FOR
THE ARTS, 321 ARSENAL
ST, WATERTOWN, MA.

Happy Everyday

I know the day of love is Valentines Day but shouldn't we celebrate all days equally and do what we love everyday? I do. A warm fire, cup of tea surrounded by yards and yards of fabric is almost a perfect one especially with grandchildren running around. Embraced within colors and pattern, I feel blessed!

Just imagine a life without creating. I recently reduced my UFO pile by finishing 3 quilts and 2 jackets. I learned how to marble fabric, create a window quilt and finally mitered corners! I can't wait to see what this month will offer.

I, and the many fortunate participants, want to thank Carolyn McClellan and Nancy Howard for coordinating our Winterfree Workshop on January 30. I learned a new technique and made new friends and had a wonderful lunch. It was cold outside but the enthusiasm all shared warmed our hearts! Thanks also to all the teachers and students! Hope to see some of the results at our Quilt Show.

In November the Membership voted to replace the position of Newsletter Chair with a Member-at-Large. I want to encourage anyone who is interested to contact me. It will be a fun and rewarding opportunity. Call or email me!

If you have any questions or need any information about QC the first place to look is our revised and updated website. Our new Web Master is Karen Bettencourt. A long time member of QC she makes art quilts, does web design and her works include encaustic, mixed media and digital collage. She has taken over from Suzanne Knapp. I want to Thank Suzanne because creating and maintaining a web page would be harder for me than achieving a perfect quilt! She took over the website from Susan Hargraves in 2004. As a retired software engineer who wanted to keep her hand in technology she learned to create websites at the Lowell Community Technology Consortium. She loved doing it but was glad that Karen volunteered. I think everyone who has viewed the new website thinks it is wonderful! My favorite color, green!

I hope many of you are coming to the Getaway Weekend in April. Want to meet new friends and learn their sewing secrets? I do. Contact Nancy

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TBD

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS
7PM AT 11 BRYANT RD, LEXINGTON
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.
FEBRUARY 16
MARCH 11
APRIL 6

Board of Directors

1 YEAR - CAROLYN RABSON
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Next Newsletter Deadline

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

Wasserman or Pam Turner. Great way to finish those UFOS or start a new project. What can you do in 20 or more hours of sewing?

Buy those raffle tickets! Support all the things your guild has to offer you! Make your Green Challenge quilt and pay it forward.

I know some of us search for our creative voice or have a muse that guides us. I always thought my mother was “out there” and eccentric. Now I believe that “Mirror, mirror on the wall, I am my mother after all”! Thank you, mom for making me sew!

See you next month!
Jessica

Comfort Quilt Update

The Comfort Quilt workshop on Dec. 5 had 40 adults and 2 kids in attendance. We finished and delivered 16 quilts and 53 teddy bears. We got many more quilts underway, kits taken home, and projects sorted out and “organized”. Our workshop on Jan. 9 had 27 women, and 1 kid; we worked non-stop and accomplished a fantastic amount in the one day. 23 more quilts and 46 teddy bears were delivered to local hospitals and shelters.

We have another workshop scheduled for Saturday Feb. 27 at the “Our Lady” church on Trapello Road in Waltham. It will be held in the school cafeteria from 9-3. Come for a few hours, or the whole day and see what fun we have! Bring a sewing machine if you want, or come to help us tie a quilt, or to do some hand work. Questions? Call Jane Norberg at 781-376-5598.

QC Getaway Weekend

The Getaway Weekend for QC members is April 16 - 18 in Waterville Valley, NH. We still have rooms available, so don't miss out. For more info, contact Nancy Wasserman, wnwasserman@aol.com, or 781-729-3326

News and Notes

If you love old quilts, here's the show to see. Former QC Member Pattie Chase has an exhibit of works entitled THIS OLD QUILT: Forget Me Not - Small Restorations from Antique Quilts. Small framed quilt pieces line one wall of the shop...and some larger pieces are nicely displayed on a stairwell near the back entrance. The show is at the Boston Cheese Cellar, 18 Birch Street in Roslindale, open Mon - Fri: 11am to 7pm, Saturday: 10am to 7pm and Sunday 12pm to 5pm, until February 28.

Please send any News & Notes to Nancy at wnwasserman@aol.com

Quilt Show News

All forms relating to our quilt show can be found on Quilters Connection website. These include quilt entries, challenge entries, boutique and volunteers. Forms should be returned to the appropriate committee members by March 15. Please read them carefully and fill them out completely. Members who do not have access to e-mail will be receiving their forms in the mail.

Right now our show committee has two positions, Publicity/Advertising and Members Night, which need to be filled ASAP! Willing volunteers will be provided with the necessary information to assume these positions. Members Night is a fun, exciting evening to preview our fabulous quilts and socialize with other members and their significant others or friends. Publicity is a bit more involved but if anyone (we know you're out there!) has expertise in this area, please consider helping us reach as wide an audience as possible!

In four months time we will be sitting back, tired but beaming about another fantastic Quilters Connection Quilt Show - our 33rd! We'll wonder how it all got done, how it looked so professional - how did we do it? Right now I have some terrific members working on forms, offering suggestions and already volunteering their time and support. As the time passes we will need many more members to come forward and join our effort to display your labors of love and creativity at their best. Please contact me at sgm02081@comcast.net or 508-660-2066. Thank you!

Sharon Monahan
Quilt Show Chair

Boutique 2010

The boutique is going to be here before you know it, so I hope vendors are busy making wonderful items for us to sell.

We will have the visa card again this year.

We would love to hear from vendors if they wish to be included this year and what general items they are selling. Exact amounts are not necessary for now, that is for the inventory sheets.

We want to be prepared with displays to best show off everyone's contributions. Table top displays are encouraged but all floor displays must be pre-approved. We have almost no free floor space and safety is an important issue for all.

The guidelines and inventory sheets are available on the website, listed separately under forms.

Margaret Rolph and I are available to answer any questions, please contact one of us.

Thank you,
Carrie Kramer (boutique chair) Kramerkrafts@gmail.com
Margaret Rolph (assistant chair) Rolph@110.net

Winter Free Workshop Update

The Annual Winter Free Workshop took place Saturday, January 30th at St. Brigids in Lexington, and by most accounts was a rousing success. The space was great, spacious and bright. Those who attended learned wonderful new skills from some of our extremely talented members. There was lots of socializing, a wonderful lunch of soups and salads and breads provided by the lunch group volunteer members. As usual there were plenty of home baked goodies to nibble on through the afternoon,. Thank you to those who baked. I am sure that we all enjoyed the discussions with members that we otherwise may not have had the opportunity to meet. There was great progress made on the 2011 raffle quilt, a whole cloth quilt, and members skilled in hand quilting and beginners in hand quilting alike worked side by side. Everyone who attended left with a new skill, an almost completed project and new friends.

Thank you to our volunteer teachers: Sylvia Einstein, Carolyn Rabson, Mary Walter, Laurel Miller, Donna Jean Downer, Judy Becker, Barbara Crane, Missy Shay, and Jessica Leger.

And a special thank you to the lunch ladies, who give a whole new meaning to that title: Kate O'Leary, Cathy Berry, Karen Bettencourt, Carol Symonds, and Tina Reinhardt.

And thank you Nancy Howard, I would not have been able to do this without you.

Now that we have successfully completed this year's event, it is now time to start thinking about next year's workshop. Would you like to teach? Is there a skill you would like to learn? There will be a spot on your membership registration form to answer those questions.

Hope to see more of you next year!

Carolyn MacLellan, Carolyn_maclellan@yahoo.com

Hand Quilters Wanted

(and those who want to learn)

At the wonderful Winter Free Workshop many of you saw QC's beautiful 2011 Raffle Quilt. It is a queen sized pre-printed wholecloth quilt top "Welsh Beauty" by Holic Turnbow, Quilt Judge and Teacher. And...we have a 2nd one for the member's quilt.

Earn one chance for every 1/2 hour of hand quilting toward the member's quilt. Dates start in February. Get in line and put your name on our calendar by contacting either of us.

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Quilters Getaway at The International Club and Spa with Mary Walter

Celebrate an early spring weekend featuring the *Criss-Cross Posy* pattern created by Mary Walter. Use a combination of easy pieced and appliqué techniques to create a quilt that works well with bright scrappy prints or traditional florals to welcome spring.

Come, relax, quilt and enjoy the quiet beautiful scenery of the International Club, gourmet cuisine, and Nashoba Valley winery tour. Saturday, March 6, 9:00 AM thru Sunday, March 7, 4:00 PM, at The International Club and Spa, 159 Ballville Road Bolton, MA (Single \$305, Double \$255, Commuter \$195)

TREASURY NOTES

Treasurer's Report - February 1, 2010

Checking Account Balance 12/31/09	\$ 23,748.45
Deposits:	
Getaway Weekend Deposits	675.00
Subtotal:	\$ 24,423.45
Expenses:	
ACA rents, December*, January & February	(3,000.00)
ACA, Cost of Living adjustment 2009-2010	(350.00)
Quilting, 2010 Raffle Quilt	(84.73)
Sales Table	(183.00)
Comfort Quilts Workshop	(141.15)
Winter Free Workshops	(200.00)
Speaker fees and expenses, October, January & February	(1,968.00)
Holiday Boutique Refreshments	(159.74)
Post Office Box rental	(72.00)
Subtotal:	(6,158.62)
Balance:	\$ 18,264.83

*Last month's Treasury Notes indicated \$2,000 paid to ACA for November and December rents; this was an error: rents paid were for October and November.

News from other guilds

from Leah Allman, QC Quilt Rep to NEQM

Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild

Presents Quilt Show 2010

March 13 & 14, 2010

Saturday & Sunday 10 - 4

Blackstone Valley Regional Voc-Tech High School, 65 Pleasant Street (off Rte. 140), Upton, MA

Works by Members; Raffle Quilt; Silent Auction; Vendors; Youth Exhibit; 2008 & 2009 Challenge Exhibits; Women's Heart Health Apron Exhibit; \$5 Admission; Free Parking; Wheelchair Accessible

www.thimblepleasures.org

Maple Leaf Quilters 25th Festival of Quilts

March 27 & 28, 2010

Saturday: 9 - 5; Sunday: 10 - 4

At the College of St. Joseph, Rutland, VT

Invitational Quilter Jane Masenas

Spectacular quilts by Guild Members; Guild Challenge Quilt Wallhangings; Featured Guild Quilter, Paulette Martel; Ongoing Demonstrations; Exhibit of antique scrap quilts, including "vintage butterfly" quilts; Tea Room; Basket Ticket Auction; Vendors; Consignment Boutique

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